



# CE NEWS

## Alaska State Library Continuing Education Newsletter

The November/December 2015 issue of Public Libraries had a terrific article written by Douglas Crane, Director of the Palm Beach (FL) County Library System titled, *May I Ask You a Question? Lessons Learned from Interviewing Public Library Leaders*. Over the course of three years, Crane interviewed sixteen library directors from around the country. He wanted to fully understand the role of the library director plays in the organization and identify the requisite skill sets of successful directors. In the course of his interviews several key themes emerged: finance, politics, vision, strategic planning, outreach, staffing and character. In this article Crane describes his personal takeaways. Actions he took prior to or immediately after he was hired as a library director which addressed each of the identified themes.

One action he took prior to becoming a library director was to enroll in an **Introductory Budget and Capital Improvement Program** through the [University of Georgia’s Carl Vinson Institute of Government](#), which offers online, self-study courses designed specifically for government leaders.

If you are a new library director and believe you would benefit from a budget refresher course, please check out the online offerings from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government.

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February 9, 2016:

We(eding) the People Off Google-Using Government Information and Local Resources for Small Business Research

10:00am - 11:00am

Building an E-book Collection

11:00am - 12:00pm

This Just In!: Newest Award Winners

11:30am - 12:00pm

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### Lunch @ the Library

It is sobering to learn that in some school districts in Alaska 100% of the students are eligible to receive free or reduced-priced lunches. While a review of the **Alaska Department of Education & Early Development report on school receiving Free and Reduced Price Eligibility Report School Year 2014-2015** shows the percentage of students receiving these services does vary by school district; what doesn’t change is that once school closes for the summer students throughout Alaska will NOT be receiving these crucial meals. Children who experience food insecurity suffer cognitively, behaviorally and physically. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) works to fill the gap left by the school’s summer closure by providing children and teens with free healthy meals through their **Summer Food Service Program**.

Libraries around the country have begun partnering with local food banks or the USDA to offer free lunches to low-income children in their communities. These summer food service programs at the library strengthen community partnerships and help the library reach underserved families. A summer food service program held in conjunction with a [summer reading programming](#) helps children build stronger bodies and minds.

Join us on **February 26th at 1 pm** for a webinar discussion on [Summer Reading Program: How to Incorporate a summer feeding program at you library](#). Dynasti Otis, Child Nutrition Manager for Food Bank of Alaska, Alicia Stephens, SFSP & CACFP At-Risk Specialist for the Alaska Child Nutrition Programs and Elizabeth Nicolai, Youth Services Coordinator for the Anchorage Public Library will be our guest presenters.